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IT WAS ALL PREJUDICE.

The Assailant to Kill Case Vanished into Thin Air.

The tax-payers of Scott county can go to work and do a little extra plowing and hoeing and grubbing in order to pay the costs in a case brought against the editor of the Newsboy by the prosecuting attorney, upon the affidavit of E. H. Smith, charging us with assault to kill. There was not a shadow of evidence to sustain the charge, and the prosecution was a malicious one.

Squire Welch called the case about 11:30 a. m. Prosecuting Attorney Moore and Wm. Hunter represented the State and Albert DeReign and R. A. Kingsbury represented the defense. Mr. Smith swore that we struck him in the back of the head with the heavy or butt end of the cane. Not one of his half dozen witnesses corroborated him. They all swore that we met face to face, and that we struck him over the head. Nearly all of the witnesses testified that we struck him with the small end of the cane, while one or two were not positive.

Dr. Butler was put on the stand to testify as to the nature of the wounds. The doctor said that the wounds might have been inflicted with a fist; that he had seen worse looking wounds inflicted with the fist. Mr. Hunter undertook to make Dr. Butler say that the cane was a deadly weapon and asked: "Doctor, couldn't a man do another great bodily harm with this cane?" "Yes," replied Dr. Butler, "you might punch a man's eyes out or jab it down his throat, or beat him an indefinite length of time and do him great bodily harm." The doctor had repeatedly given it as his opinion that the cane was not a dangerous weapon.

Mr. Moore and Mr. Hunter seemed to drop their feathers as soon as the witnesses began to testify. They made a desperate effort to "make a mountain out of a mole hill," but flatly failed, and the rip-roaring, skyscraping arguments which we had expected to hear from these gentlemen dwindled down into a very tame effort to show what might have happened.

The defense proved just what we stated in our last issue. Justice Welch very properly dismissed the case, and the decision was loudly applauded.

The charge of assault with intent to kill, and the story that we struck Mr. Smith in the back of the head is like the "loaded cane" story—all calculated to prejudice the public mind against us—yet there was nothing in any of it. The cane is one of these penitentiary-made leather canes, and weighs just eleven ounces. Certainly the great State of Missouri would not engage in the manufacture of loaded canes for her citizens.

FROM NEW HAMBURG.

Frank Bies was badly bitten in the arm by a dog, the wound is very painful. He is, however, at this writing improving.

The poles for Wright's telephone line between here and Kelso have been put up, and the wire will soon be adjusted.

Mr. Gains has rented Jacob Stehr's residence, and will move his family hither as soon as Mr. Stehr vacates to his new home at Oran.

Gravel hauling on North Main street still in full progress, and now they talk of improving South Main street, which is badly in need of repairs.

The Boston grocery store in the Cape leads them all in Fancy Groceries, Fruits, Nuts and Candies. They have everything in that line.

Nearly 150 new books have been added to the St. Lawrence library. All very valuable, there being none of the dime novel classifications. This library has now over 500 volumes both English and German literature. The librarian is kept busy to handle for exchange 60 to 80 books on Sundays.

Col. P. A. Hafner, of the Newsboy staff, sojourned Sunday with his Hamburg friends.

Parties who desire to sell or trade good fresh milk cows for horses, mules or Holstein stock male calves, may apply for full particulars to the secretary of the Hamburg creamery. Chas. Grojean was at Oran Tuesday.

Jacob Stehr is moving his household goods to Oran.

Constantine Grojean took in the county seat Monday.

Go to Al Chenue's jewelry store at Cape Girardeau for Christmas presents. You are going to buy something for your mother, sister, brother or wife—or perhaps for your best girl—and any of them know that it will be first class, and that you have bought the best.

FROM SIKESTON.

Married, at the residence of the bride's father here on Wednesday the 12th inst., Rev. Crowe officiating, Miss Lucy Hunter to Mr. James L. Byrd, of Charleston. On account of the sickness of Mr. Hunter, the wedding was a very quiet one. The young couple will make their home in Charleston.

Married, on Sunday the 9th inst., by Rev. J. M. Crowe, Miss Sallie Shumate, of this place, to Harry Watkins, of Oran. Both of the contracting parties being highly popular here, they have the best wishes of all Sikestonians.

Have you ever bought watches, clocks or jewelry of Chenue, the jeweler? Well, then, you had better join the procession and call at his jewelry store in Cape Girardeau. Lots of pretty things for Christmas presents.

Mrs. E. J. Malone and children are visiting in Carbondale, Ill., this week.

John Tanner, W. Waterson, J. V. Bandy and others have been hunting in the overflooded district, where they had a good time but rather poor success as to game.

Monday was pay-day at Morehouse and Buffington, so our merchants made their monthly collecting trip to these places.

Business is rather quiet—everyone saving up for Christmas.

Frank Shaaks took a car load of hogs to St. Louis last Thursday.

Rev. H. B. Hester preached an eloquent sermon at the Baptist church Sunday night.

At this writing Mr. Hunter is decidedly better.

FROM COMMERCE.

As promised in our last letter we give you the number of stock shipped from the port of Commerce to St. Louis:

Hogs, 1,045; cattle, 236; sheep, 62; so far during the season. The Grand Chain Mills are taking a rest for a short time as the mills and storage are full of wheat, flour and bran.

Well, as a result of several week's surveying of the oldest town in the county, which it was supposed had lost her bearings, she is now anchored fast and will probably stay where she is until an earthquake or somebody will take a notion that she has again become twisted.

This is December 11th, and warm enough for April or May.

The river is very low this season and steamboats are few, but family moving boats are plenty. Daily they are passing, seemingly enough to fill up large portions of the South if they are filled with farmers and mechanics.

FROM KELSEO.

At wholesale or retail you can buy the finest line of Fruits, such as Oranges, Apples, Bananas, Lemons, Figs, Dates and Christmas Candies at The Boston grocery store, opposite the postoffice, Cape Girardeau. J. F. Schepker, proprietor. Go see his immense stock.

Mrs. Shelby, of Charleston, and Mrs. Sheppard, of Jackson, visited Mrs. Della James here last week.

Chas. Logel visited Cape Girardeau last Friday.

One of George Wright's clerks has been trying to rent a house. Looks not unlike a wedding ring.

H. A. Lehr was out from the Cape Wednesday, doing some guttering for Mike Welter.

Steve Bank, the Cape blacksmith, was here Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Mary Burger, daughter of Adam Burger, living two miles east of Kelso, died of consumption on the 30th ult.

Burglars tried to break into Geo. Wright's store Thursday night of last week, and failed.

Our hustling fruit tree agent, Robert Finley, was married at Commerce on Thursday of last week, to Miss Florence Sewell.

You are not likely to buy many wedding rings, but when you do decide to buy, you will want the best that can be made, and you had better see Chenue the Cape jeweler.

The Baptists here are holding a protracted meeting, Rev. Sharp, of Kentucky, assisting Rev. Pierson in the good work.

A Baudendistel and wife returned from their wedding trip last Monday.

The Catholic school here will give an entertainment Christmas eve.

The Sackman Medicine Company's advertisers were here last week, and plastered the Democratic liberty pole like a bulletin board.

Constable Buhs was on the sick list Monday.

Miss Effie O'Herron came out from the Normal to visit her parents here Saturday and Sunday.

THE NEWSBOY

The Facts in the Case

You know a good thing when you see it
So do other people
That's why the

SCOTT COUNTY NEWSBOY

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It Gives You ALL THE LATEST AND BEST NEWS In a Brief and Reliable manner.

It has Never been Successfully Contradicted ON ANY MATERIAL QUESTION.

Although the Mighty Have Failed in an Attempt to do it.

It is the People's Friend, And you will always find it with the people, and AGAINST CORRUPTION IN ANY FORM. STICK to the PAPER that STICKS to You.

FROM BLODGETT.

A lodge of the A. O. U. W. was organized here last Monday night by Deputy G. M. Bohn. It starts out under the most favorable auspices, we trust will continue to grow and prosper as it deserves. The officers elected are as follows: P. M. W., Jno. T. Marrs; M. W., T. J. Hunkle; Foreman, Jas. F. Evans; Overseer, Albert Hawkins; Guide, Monroe Fulcher; Recorder, J. W. Baty; Financier, Ab. Wright; Receiver, R. A. Sparks; I. W., E. T. Burk; O. W., S. B. Key; Trustees, I. C. Richardson, James James and A. L. Crafton; Med. Ex., R. A. Sparks.

Mr. H. C. Watkins, the handsome book-keeper for Matthews, Stubblefield & Co., of Oran, accompanied by his wife, were in town Monday night visiting relatives. They were en route to Oran where they will make their future home. We tender our congratulations to Harry and his handsome bride.

C. A. Leedy, Thos. Turner, et al represented Benton at the A. O. U. W. organization Monday night, while Diehlstadt sent Squire Rushing, Max Ostner and about eight more good men and true. Morley, Oran and Sikeston also had contingents, beautiful and varied.

It sometimes occurs to us that some folks would hold a "full hand" if they had to hold their jaws.

Whosaid the lightning dining-room girls at the big Commercial hotel had disappeared? Don't think so. They may go visiting in sections of one or two, but the best one stays to home.

Mr. Sanders, late of Commerce, now edits the Blodgett tonsorial parlor, vice R. A. Dennis, J. L. Smith, Wm. Scaff and others dead, absconded, practicing law and teaching school.

It is a fact that a well informed and business man talks through his knows.

Being in Sikeston last Sunday we paid a visit to our well-beloved friend Dr. S. K. Smith, the champion dentist, and heaped the indignity upon him of eating dinner at his home into which he but recently moved. If the Dr. is a champion dentist his wife is certainly the model cook, and we claim to be a sort of a judge. The Dr. is just prospering down there on his merits. We also visited the Star in its new quarters and shook the ink paw of its editor, Earnest Larey, general factotum and job printer. Don't say a word, there is a hen on.

E. C. Myers and J. H. Stubbs cornered all the hides in this vicinity and have already sat back and begun to clip the coupons off their bonds realized by the aforesaid investment. Virtue—to use an ancient and honorable expression—is its own reward. "Thrice armed is he whose quarrel is just."

But ten times he, who jerks his gun out first.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Stubbs attended the Watkins-Shumate wedding at Sikeston last Sunday returning Monday. They were accompanied to Sikeston by Dr. S. K. Smith and lady who were visiting here.

The Blodgett items in the Newsboy next week will contain the usual amount of gloom pertaining to Christmas, squirted through the column of printer's ink. The woods will doubt-

less be full of people wanting—to get away from the neighborhood of these items that week. Remember, the usual injunction. No extra charge if you don't want to be annoyed that week by the patent germ killing Blodgett items.

FROM ORAN.

Mrs. A. J. Horn returned from Poplar Bluff last Sunday.

J. W. Clemson's fine mare fell off the Crooked Ford bridge Monday and knocked out an eye, besides receiving several bruises.

The feather renovator next door to us seems to be doing a land-office business.

Dr. Richman, of Belle City, Mo., has moved to Oran and is occupying one of the Dirnberger houses.

The inclement weather and a divided crowd prevented a large attendance at the Literary club last Friday night and the discussion was deferred until this Friday night.

Rev. Rudolph left for Kentucky last Sunday and will bring home a wife.

Misery, as well as joy, loves company. The good man loves to see others doing well, and the fallen man loves to see others fall.

Mr. Harry Watkins, of this place, and Miss Sallie Shumate, of Sikeston, were married last Sunday evening. No cake for your scribe. However, we wish the couple much joy and a long and prosperous life. The newly married couple will board with Mr. Thomas Hughes until they can build a house on the lot opposite W. H. Stubblefield's.

"Kid" Shield's and his band are making extensive preparations for the entertainment to be given at Floral Park.

Rev. Dupont, of Texas, will hold a series of meetings at the Baptist church in Oran during the holidays.

Mrs. Frank Zundel went to the Cape shopping last week.

Henry Bridger is in St. Louis at this writing.

A merchant from Sikeston has rented Judge Friend's residence and storerooms and will move here in the near future. The Judge will probably move into the Frank Gangel house which he now owns.

Barney Joachim bought 80 acres of land from Ben Hunter last week. Consideration \$800. This land joins Lish Bryeans farm in the swamp. \$10 per acre for uncleared swamp land is comparatively high but Barney has a bargain all the same.

Our merchants seem to be very busy. All have new goods and plenty of them—show cases and windows full of X-mas goods.

Corn is still coming in rapidly and in large quantities, yet we hear the old song—great scarcity of money.

The Blodgett man stands up for his town and the Ananias club, and we want to say right here that the club which downs the Blodgett club is a "long keen good one."

What does the correspondent who is or was an admirer of Mr. Cleveland think of him now? Was I right about him or not? Who was it that jumped on me about abusing Cleveland anyway? Seems to me some correspondent called me to account for it. Did Cleveland have anything to do with the "slump" or not? Will some of his admirers arise and ex-

plain? I rarely say anything about Cleveland when I have any news to communicate, when I have nothing to say, Cleveland is the most prolific theme on record.

It is rumored that an exclusive shoe establishment will be put up in Oran right away.

The New Telephone Line.

The poles are up and the wires are being stretched for a telephone line between Kelso and New Hamburg, a distance of six miles. It will only be a matter of a very short time until this line will be run into Benton. Mr. Wright, who is building the line, says the cost of the line for the six miles will be about one hundred dollars.

This reminds us that several years ago, one J. F. Mitchell humbugged the people into believing that a line from Commerce to Oran, a distance of fourteen miles, would cost over one thousand dollars, but agreed to build the line if the people would subscribe three hundred dollars.

THE NEWSBOY exposed the way Mitchell was deceiving the people, and then as now the cry went up that we were a liar, a villain, etc., but not one syllable of evidence was produced to contradict our statement. The people subscribed the three hundred dollars and the line was built. And now the question arises: "If Mr. Wright can build six miles of telephone for one hundred dollars, how much did it cost Mitchell to build fourteen miles?"

Truth, "though crushed to earth, will rise again." We can unblushingly say, "we told you so." In the language of Barnum: "The American people like to be humbugged." Read the Newsboy and swear by it. It is a safeguard against frauds and demagogues.

The Old Maids' Retreat.

The young ladies of Benton have established an old maids' retreat. Just where this retreat is located we have failed to discover, yet we frequently hear it spoken of. The members are pledged never to marry.

An awful oath must be taken, and death is the penalty for violation of the pledge. They have had their pictures taken in a group, in order that the one who violates the oath can be singled out by an assassin. Young men, come to Benton if you want a wife. We vouch for it that the girls will take chances on the assassin.

There Will Be Fun.

The Morleyites are going out bright and early next Tuesday morning to level down the sandhill on the Bloomfield road 1½ miles out of town. A grand shoveling match has been arranged between the following teams: W. R. Batts, C. D. M. Gupton, Geo. Boston, Dr. Tomlinson and Geo. A. Tomlinson on one side, and Mark Lawrence, Val. Fleschman, Joe Parrot, J. W. Greer and Ples Proctor. Abundant refreshments will be provided for all who attend armed with shovels. Turn out, help the good work and have a jolly time.

Miss Kate Holder has established herself in Oran, where she will cut, fit and make dresses in the most approved modern styles and at reasonable rates. Give her a trial.

County Court Proceedings.

County court met in called term on Monday. Aside from making a number of allowances, the following was the business transacted:

Sol. Diebold relieved on tax of 1894, valuation, \$650.

Official bonds of W. C. Lambert, T. F. Hinkle, J. C. Burton, G. T. Boston, W. Finley, C. L. Vaughn, Geo. Buhs and Ambrose Biese filed and approved.

Court adjourned Tuesday evening.

WOMAN'S GOSSIP.

The Southeast Teachers' Association will convene in Piedmont at 1:30 p. m., December 26, and continue in session until noon on the 28th. Hotel rates, \$1 per day. The Iron Mountain railroad will sell return tickets at one-third fare. These tickets cannot be purchased before or after the 25th. Excursion tickets on all the roads may be purchased on the 25th. All are invited to attend.

Now, boys, you naturally want the very latest things out in shirts, collars and cuffs, N. F. & J. R. Anderson at Commerce make a specialty of that line of goods at city prices.

Norval Anderson, of Commerce, called on us Tuesday. He and his cousin, Ramsey, have opened up a gent's furnishing store in Commerce and propose to do a strictly cash business. The young men are both energetic, and if they will only stick to the text they will succeed. Nothing is nicer than a cash business.

They may talk about rosy wine in sunny climes, but in ours there is nothing to be had more suitable than the famous OLD LYNCH RYE.

Frank Blattel, of Kelso, was in to see us Wednesday. He says there is a little ownerless Jack at large in the woods southeast of Kelso, which scares horses and even nobler animals. Perhaps this accounts for the stories of bears, panthers, etc., which we have refused to publish.

Perhaps you don't know that Chenue, the jeweler, will sell you the best watches, chains, ink, rings, set rings, diamond rings, silverware, clocks and other goods of the kind at reasonable rates? Well, others know it—why not you?

E. M. Kemp and Frank Gother had a little fun on Wednesday while suffering from artificial exhilaration, and carried it to the point of a breach of the peace. Thursday morning they found that they had each incurred a fine of five dollars and frills. The sidewalk fund is the gainer.

A neat shoe always looks well. Ladies and Misses who think so will find exactly what they want at N. F. & J. R. Anderson's Commerce.

Bills are out for the regular Christmas ball at Blodgett, which will take place on the night of the 25th. We need not tell those who have been at a Blodgett ball to go, for you can't keep them away. If you haven't been, however, don't miss this chance.

Remember that you will get the best goods at reasonable prices when you go to Chenue's jewelry store at Cape Girardeau.

A wise Sikeston woman found out her husband recently and, instead of making matters worse by "raising sand," she had her cry before he got home, and when he came treated him as if nothing had happened. He hasn't got through buying her presents yet.

Hall & Cooper lands for sale on time payments. Apply to Albert C. Davis, 520 Olive street, St. Louis.

John F. Reynolds, the Cape Girardeau painter, is doing considerable work in Benton. He is giving perfect satisfaction, and will probably be kept busy here all winter. Johnny is a jolly good fellow, and we always welcome such people among us.

See N. F. & J. R. Anderson at Commerce if you want a tailor made suit that will fit you. Prices as low as for ready made goods.

Ben. F. Marshall and Charley Stubbs, of Blodgett, came up to Benton Sunday evening to attend church. Although it was very wet and disagreeable, these young men never let the weather interfere with the discharge of their religious duties.

Your enjoyment during the festive season will be much increased if you have a supply of OLD LYNCH RYE.

When you come to Benton to pay your taxes, don't fail to come in and see us. We want you to take the Newsboy and get all the news in a reliable and unvarnished manner. We have no pets to dictate to us. We are the whole machine ourselves.

Say, boys, you had better get a move on you and buy the wedding ring of Chenue, the Cape jeweler.

If people grow patient as they grow old, it is because they have found out how hard it is the wall against which they beat their heads.

The Oran Ball.

Thursday night Ashley's Hall at Oran was the scene of one of those pleasant dances for which the town has earned an enviable reputation. The company was select, the music first class and the management perfect. Blodgett, Morley and Benton were represented, and everybody had a splendid time. The supper at the Commercial Hotel was A. No. 1.

Moran Compas, of Kelso, was in Benton Tuesday. He is one of the oldest settlers in the northern end of the county, and is nearly eighty years old. He is hale and hearty, and appears much younger than he really is.

The only furnishing store in the county is that of N. F. & J. R. Anderson at Commerce. Call on them.

There was quite a pleasant social party at Chas. Hutchison's place Friday night of last week. The attendance was somewhat curtailed by the rain, but the fun was greatly enjoyed by all present.

Better call at Al Chenue's jewelry store now. Lots of pretty things there soon.

The Odd Fellows at Blodgett will install their officers for the ensuing year at the M. E. church there on Saturday night, January 5, 1895. They invite everybody to be present and enjoy a good time.

Robt. Jones, of Charleston, has contracted with our county court to put the courthouse in good condition as to roof, floor, plastering and paint at a cost of \$400.

Thursday's city papers quote hogs as follows: Good, heavy, \$4.25 to \$4.35; good medium and mixed lots, \$4.10 to \$4.25; common to fair light, \$3.70 to \$4.10.

Very few people reach old age without suffering from some complaint that is the result of having too good a time when they were young.

Dr. Frazer, of Commerce, was called to the bedside of B. F. Hunter at Sikeston last Saturday.

Lawrence Westrich and John Dirnberger, of New Hamburg, were in to see us Tuesday.

Mont Wade and the editor drove to the Cape Wednesday.

The Boston, at the Capitol

Ben. Hamlin, working at Anderson's sawmill, by accident brought his hand into contact with the saw on Thursday. The hand was very badly lacerated and Drs. Freeling and Wade found it necessary to amputate the index finger.

A dramatic entertainment and supper for the benefit of the Oran Brass Band will be given at Woodland Park Opera House on Thursday the 27th inst., when the drama of "Brace the Poorhouse Girl" will be presented in grand style. See bills and programs for full particulars.

Stop Thief!

Any one whose Watch has a

Non-pull-out

bow (ring), will never have occasion to use this time-honored cry. It is the only bow that cannot be twisted off the case, and is found only on Jas. Boss Filled and other watch cases stamped with this trade mark.

A watch case opener, which will save your finger nails, sent free on request. Keystone Watch Case Co., PHILADELPHIA.

"And the Parrot Said Hooray!"

No wonder the bird did that if he heard of the prices now quoted at

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Repeat Things Parrot-Like.

He sets the pace in the Grocery trade and puts goods into his patrons' hands in original and pleasing manner.

He has many Christmas Novelties.

Cape Girardeau, Mo.